

U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
Attention: Renata Hesse
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge,

It is time for the Anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft to end.

Our antitrust laws were designed and enacted in order to protect the citizens and consumers of the United States.

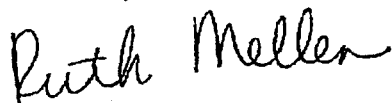
The Microsoft Antitrust lawsuit was originally pushed by its competitors and their claims they were working in the interest of consumers. I do not believe that the consumers were clamoring for this lawsuit. I wonder how prolonging these proceedings will benefit consumers?

The Federal Government has spent millions of dollars on this antitrust case. Microsoft has probably spent several times as much defending itself against this claim filed by the government. These costs will no doubt be passed on to the consumer, the same consumer the antitrust laws are supposed to benefit.

I believe this case has cost enough and should be settled once and for all.

Thanks for your consideration and your acceptance of my comments as part of the public comment period for the case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Mellen".

Ruth Mellen

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